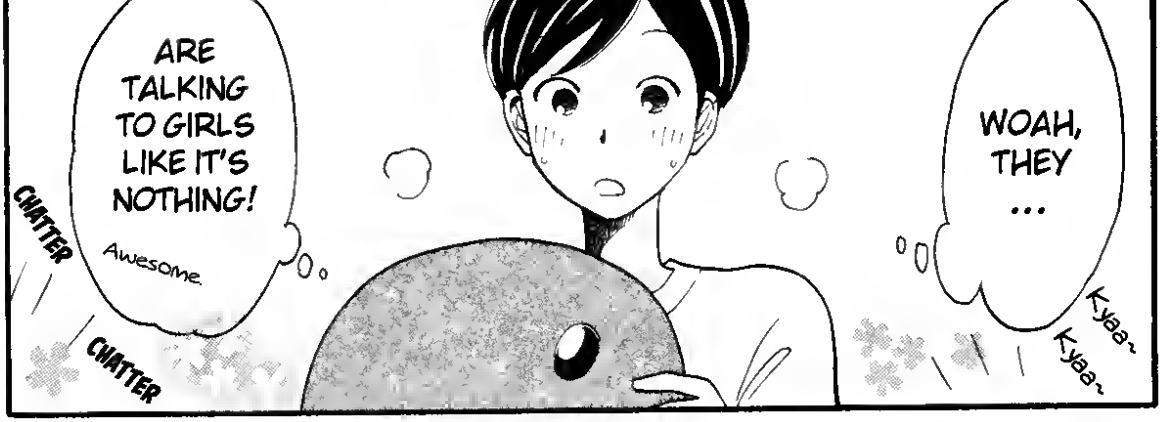
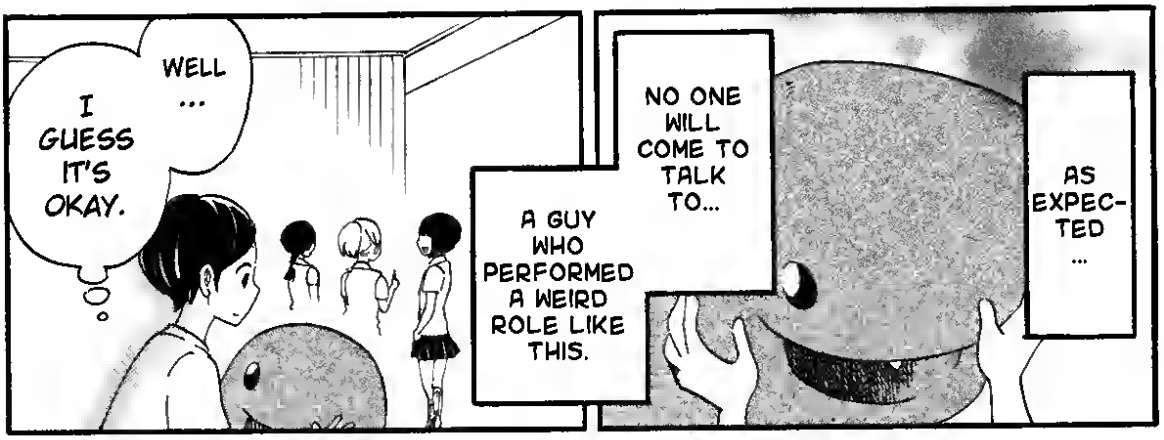
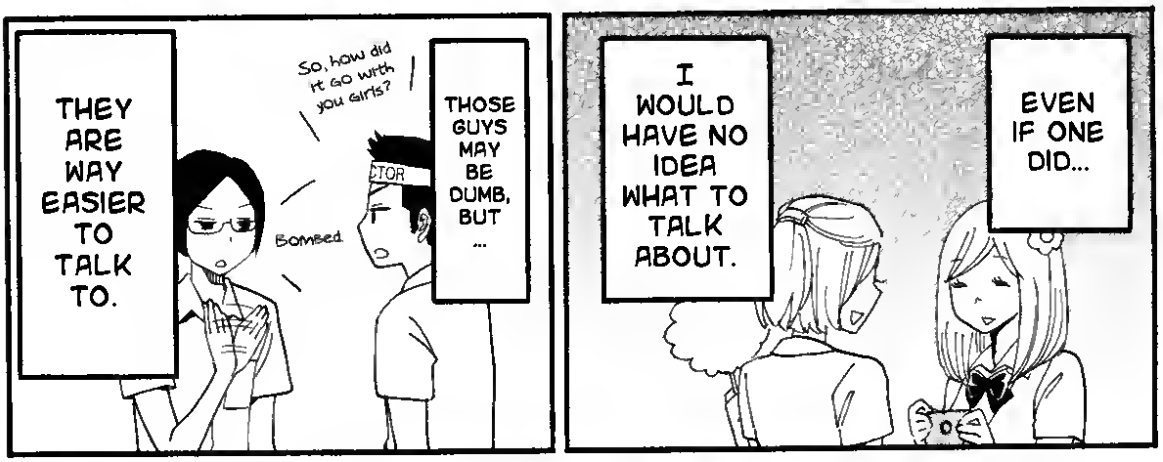
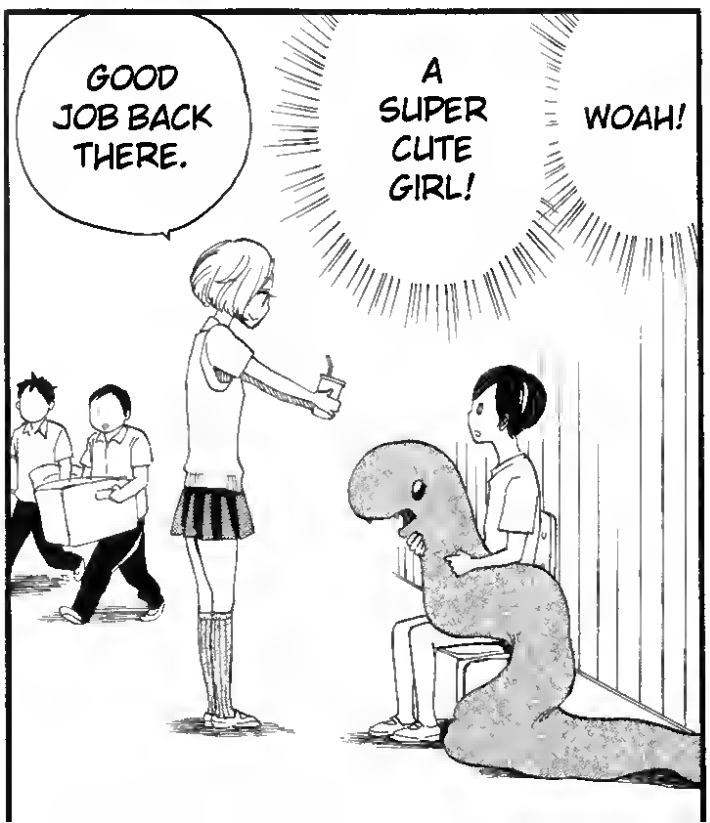

WOAH, THEY ...
Kyaa~
Kyaa~
ARE TALKING TO GIRLS LIKE IT'S NOTHING!
Awesome.
CHATTER
CHATTER

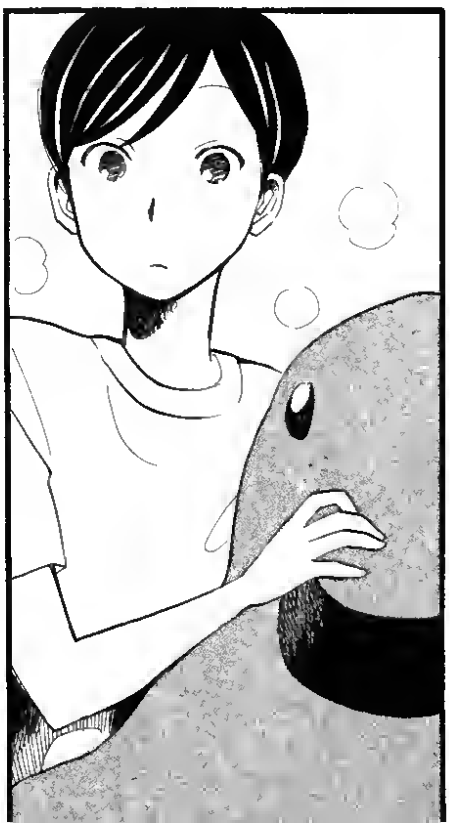

AS EXPECTED ...
NO ONE WILL COME TO TALK TO...
A GUY WHO PERFORMED A WEIRD ROLE LIKE THIS.
WELL ... I GUESS IT'S OKAY.

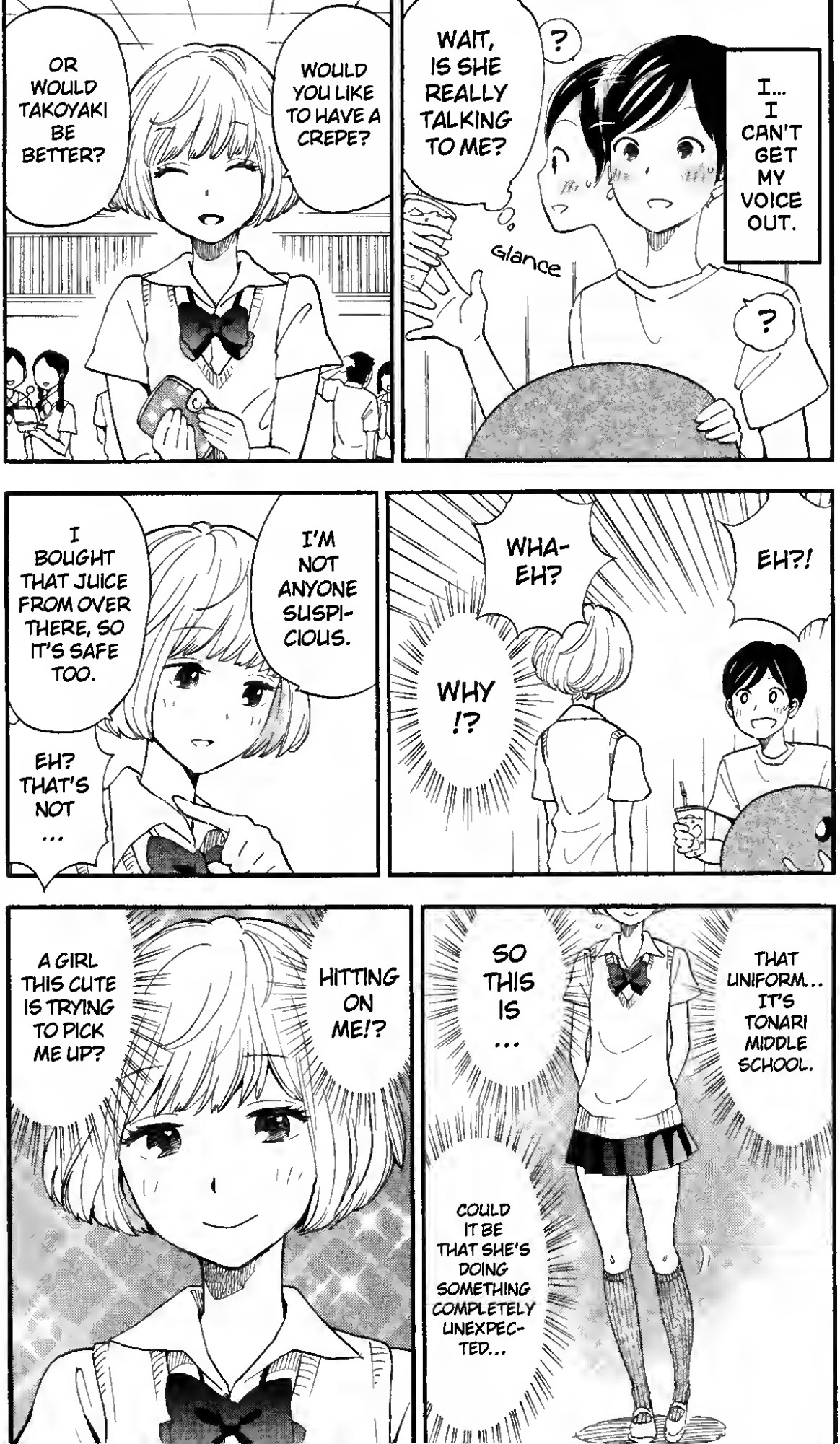

EVEN IF ONE DID...
I WOULD HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO TALK ABOUT.
THOSE GUYS MAY BE DUMB, BUT ...
So, how did it go with you girls?
Bombed
THEY ARE WAY EASIER TO TALK TO.

IT'S ONLY THE EIGHTH GRADE.
IF ONLY THIS WASN'T A BOYS' SCHOOL ...
MAYBE I TOO COULD SPEAK WITH GIRLS MORE CASUALLY.

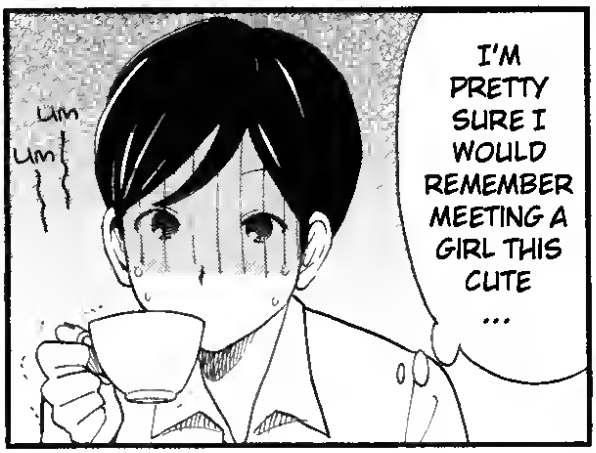
MR. SERPENT.
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME JUICE?


GOOD JOB BACK THERE.
A SUPER CUTE GIRL!
WOAH!




OR WOULD TAKOYAKI BE BETTER?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CREPE?
WAIT, IS SHE REALLY TALKING TO ME?
?
I... I CAN'T GET MY VOICE OUT.
Glance
?
I BOUGHT THAT JUICE FROM OVER THERE, SO IT'S SAFE TOO.
I'M NOT ANYONE SUSPI-CIOUS.
EH? THAT'S NOT ...
WHA-EH?
EH?!
WHY !?
A GIRL THIS CUTE IS TRYING TO PICK ME UP?
HITTING ON ME!?
SO THIS IS ...
THAT UNIFORM... IT'S TONARI MIDDLE SCHOOL.
COULD IT BE THAT SHE'S DOING SOMETHING COMPLETELY UNEXPEC-TED...

SO ...
3-C
BIG SIS MAID CAFÉ
Please visit!
NICE TO MEET YOU ...
RIGHT ?
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP


I'M PRETTY SURE I WOULD REMEMBER MEETING A GIRL THIS CUTE ...
Um Um

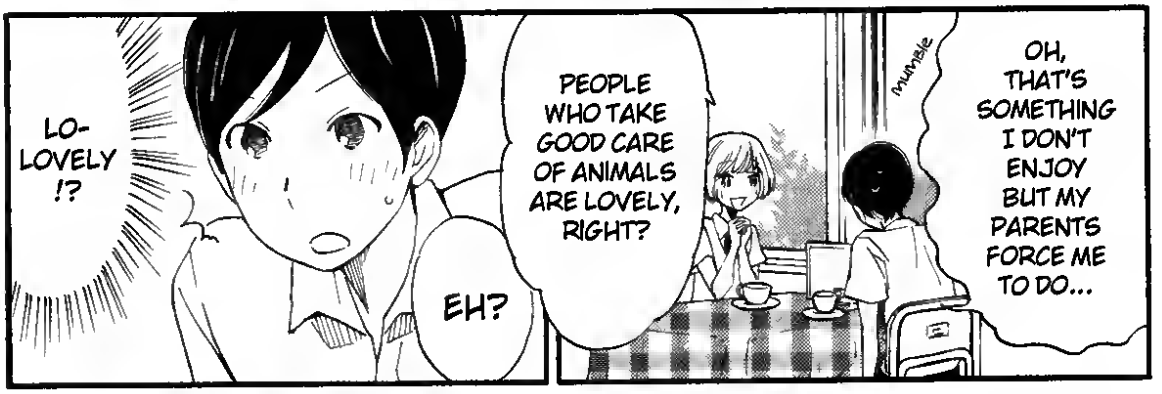
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
SMILE
A MISTAKE RIGHT AWAY!!

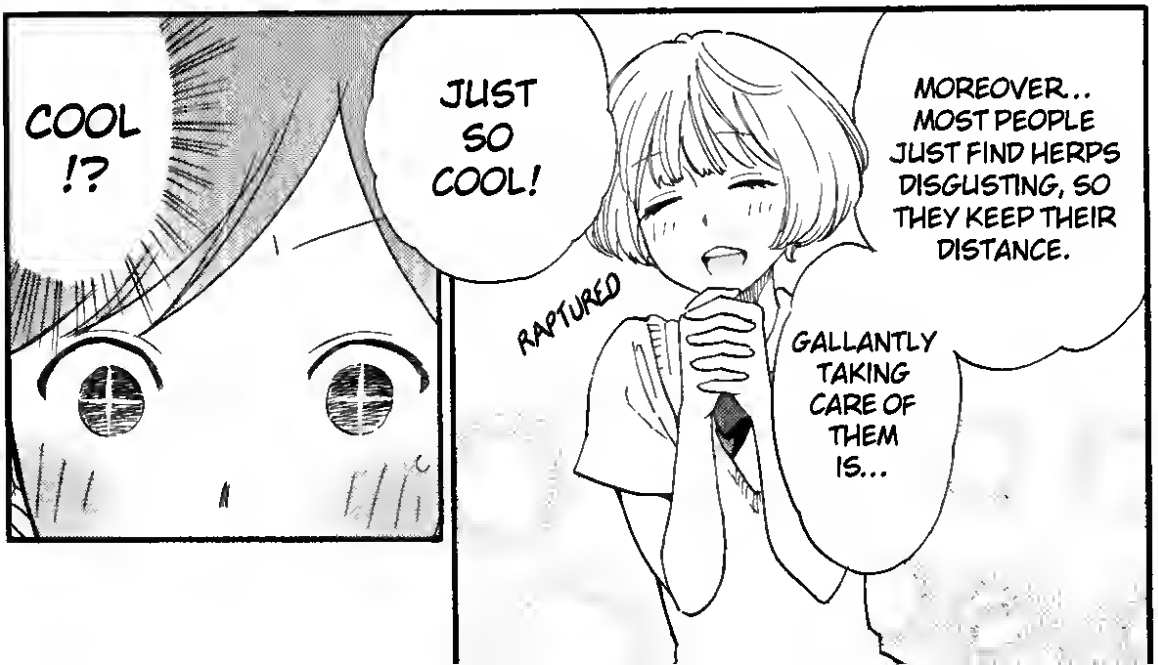
IS SHE A MANIAC ?
Maybe she likes idiots or something
WELL, THAT WAS ...
SOMETHING I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET TO ENJOY.

WHAAAAT?
EARLIER ...
YOUR PERFORMANCE AS THE SERPENT WAS REALLY TOUCHING.
GLEAM

ACTUALLY ...
I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL FESTIVAL ...
BECAUSE I WANTED TO MEET YOU, SHIRANE-KUN.
SWOOSH
Ah!
WAS THERE SUDDENLY WIND AND PETALS?
WHA?
!?
WH-WHY?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU.

SHE'S SEEN ME HELPING OUT AT THE STORE !?
Reluctant packing
Reluctant feeding
AT PET SHOP SHIRANE!
Reluctant cleaning and washing


LO-LOVELY !?
EH?
PEOPLE WHO TAKE GOOD CARE OF ANIMALS ARE LOVELY, RIGHT?
mumble
OH, THAT'S SOMETHING I DON'T ENJOY BUT MY PARENTS FORCE ME TO DO...


COOL !?
JUST SO COOL!
RAPTURED
MOREOVER.. MOST PEOPLE JUST FIND HERPS DISGUSTING, SO THEY KEEP THEIR DISTANCE.
GALLANTLY TAKING CARE OF THEM IS...

SHIRANE-KUN.
MY NAME IS ABUKAWA SAYA. AND ...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A DATE WITH ME?

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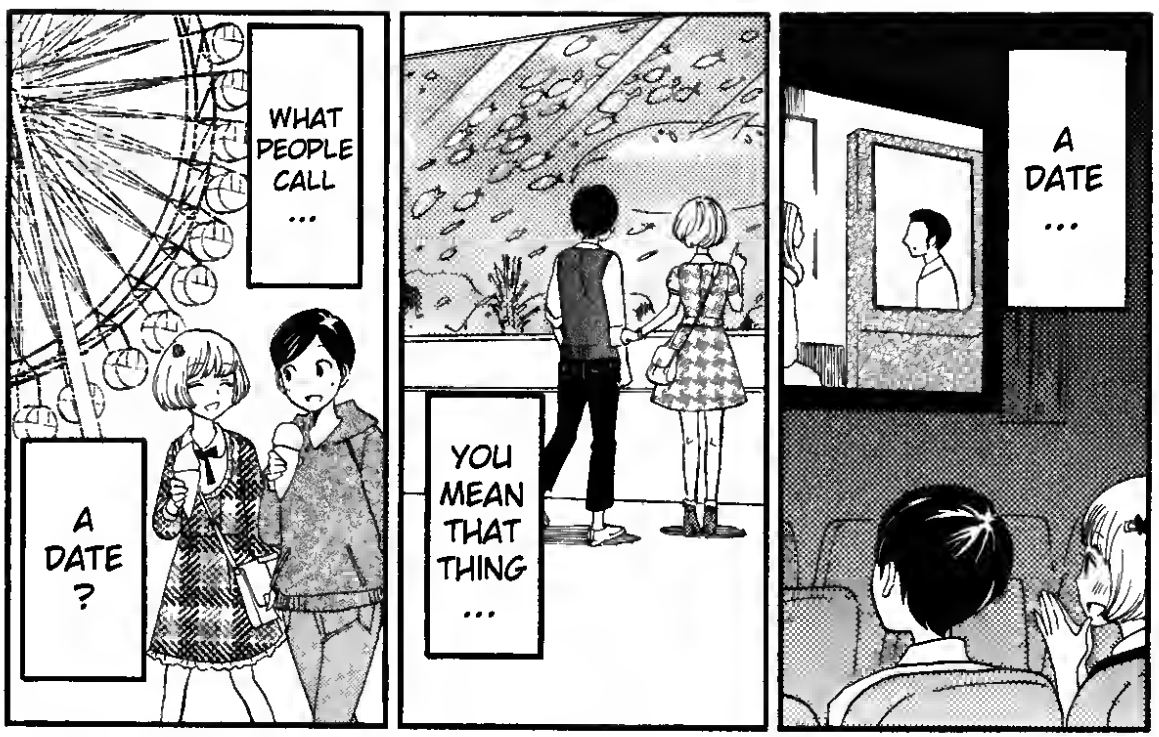
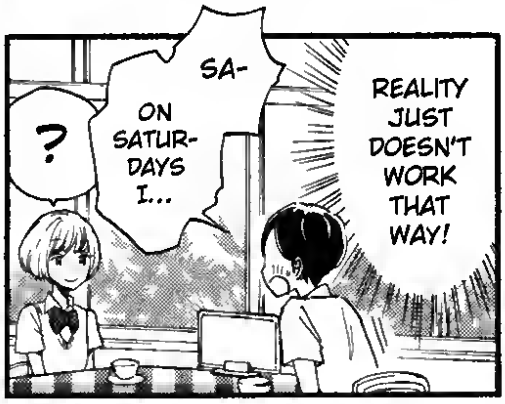
TE?

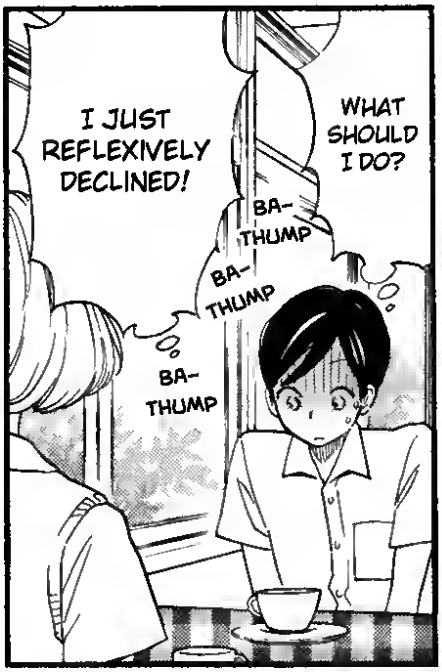

WHAT PEOPLE CALL ...
A DATE?
YOU MEAN THAT THING ...
A DATE ...

PERHAPS THAT LEOPARD GECKO I SAVED HALF A YEAR AGO HAS TURNED INTO A GIRL...?
AND SO ASSERTIVELY COMING TO SEE ME!
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL?
SAYING SHE WANTS TO GO ON A DATE WITH ME...

ON SATURDAYS I'M HELPING AT THE SHOP SO THAT WON'T WORK.
...SORRY.

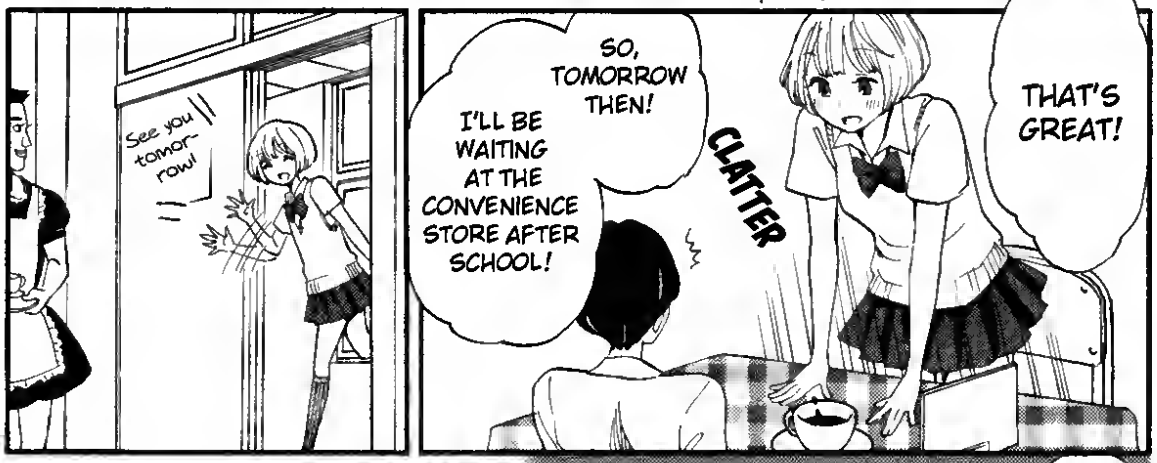

?
SA-
ON SATURDAYS I...
REALITY JUST DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY!

PERHAPS SHE HAD TO BUILD UP ALL HER COURAGE TO COME TO THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...
AND TALK TO ME.
SHIRANE-KUN...

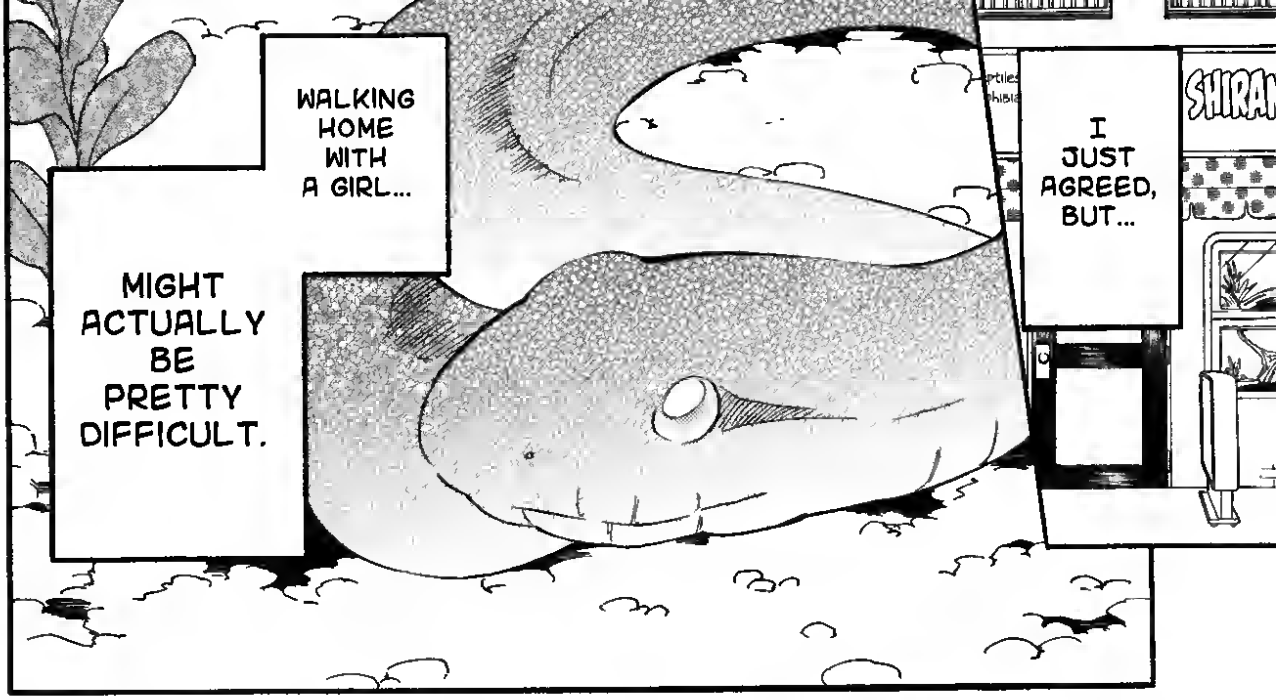

I JUST REFLEXIVELY DECLINED!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP

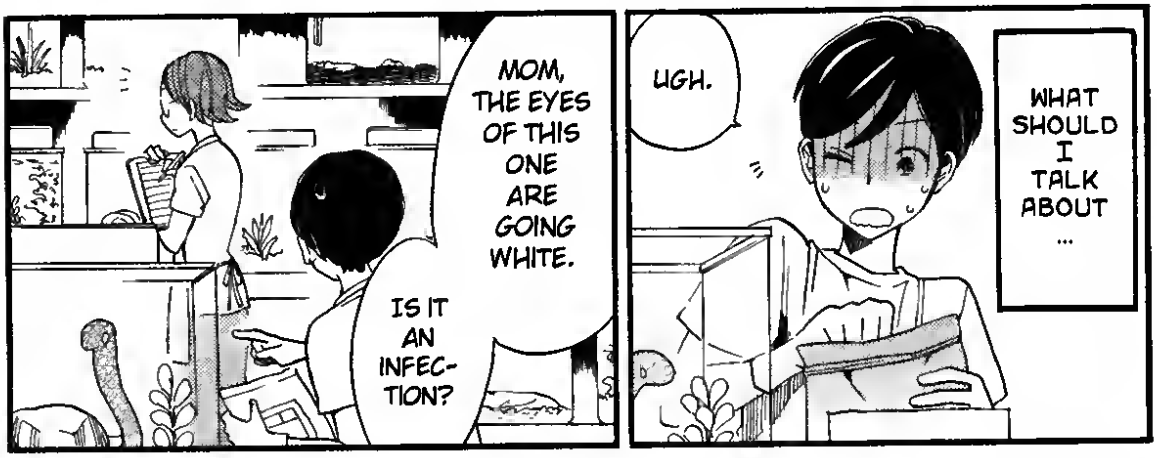
AH...

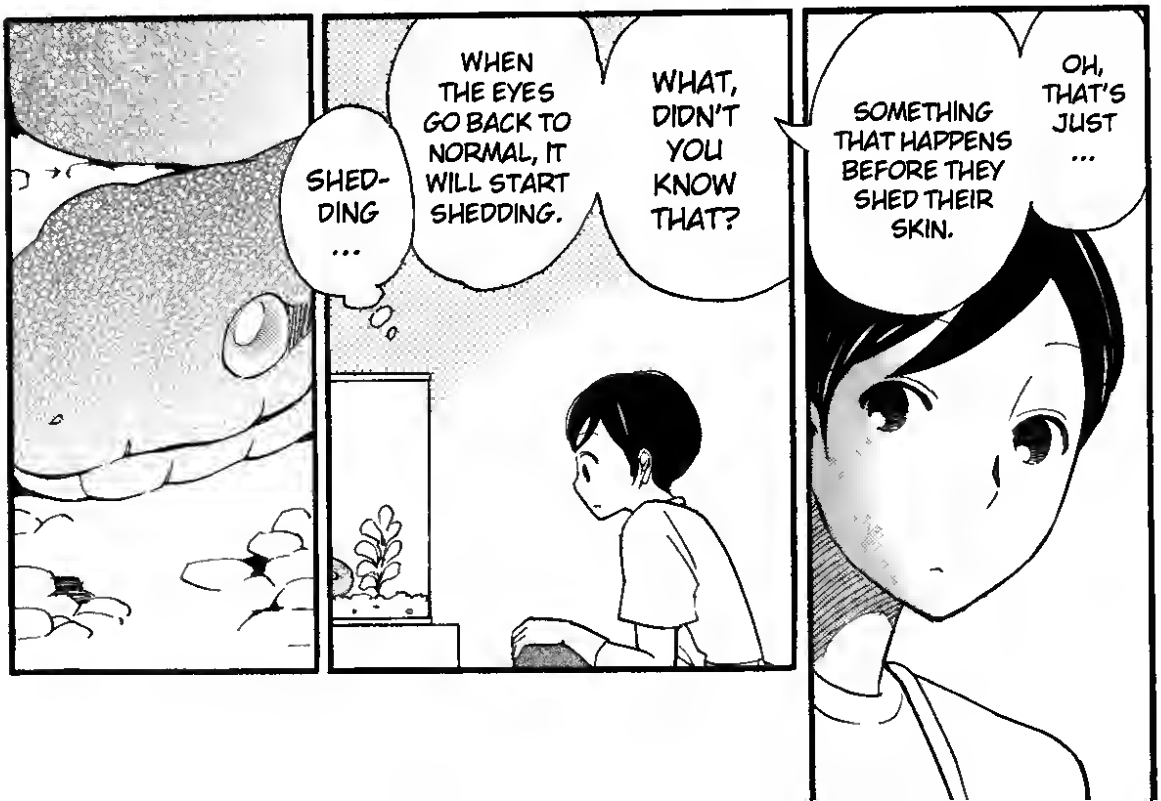
PHEW
O-OKAY.
THAT'S FINE BY ME.
REALLY?
THEN! HOW ABOUT WE JUST WALK HOME TOGETHER AFTER SCHOOL OR SOME-THING?
I-I'TS NOT THAT ...
AND LEAVE IT AT THAT?
STARTLE
EH?
AS EXPEC-TED!
A LOVER OF REP-TILES!


See you tomor-row!
SO, TOMORROW THEN!
I'LL BE WAITING AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE AFTER SCHOOL!
CLATTER
THAT'S GREAT!

I...
WILL START GOING HOME WITH A GIRL FROM...
ABUKAWA SAYA-SAN, RIGHT.
I GUESS MINE IS TOO.
HER FACE ...
WAS SO BRIGHT RED.


I JUST AGREED, BUT...
WALKING HOME WITH A GIRL...
MIGHT ACTUALLY BE PRETTY DIFFICULT.


MOM, THE EYES OF THIS ONE ARE GOING WHITE.
IS IT AN INFEC-TION?
UGH.
WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT ...


SHED-DING ...
WHEN THE EYES GO BACK TO NORMAL, IT WILL START SHEDDING.
WHAT, DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT?
SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS BEFORE THEY SHED THEIR SKIN.
OH, THAT'S JUST ...

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Tsukiko

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tsurutsuru to Zarazara no aida

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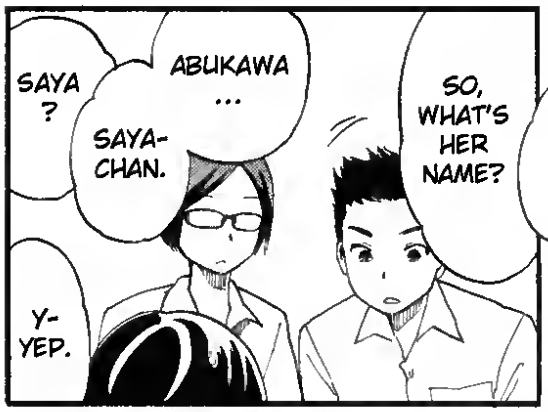
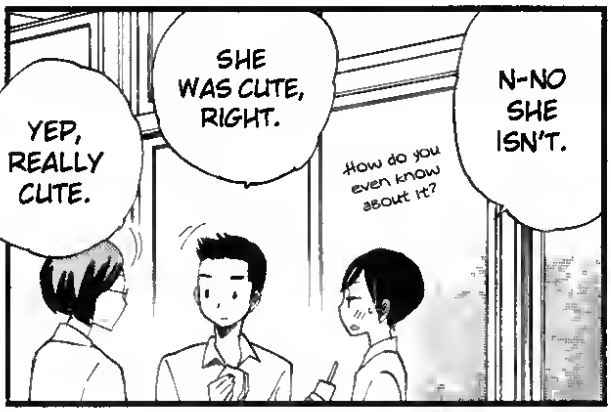
HEY, SHIRANE.
THE GIRL YOU HAD TEA WITH AT THE FESTIVAL YESTER-DAY...
WHO IS SHE? YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?


SO, WHAT'S HER NAME?
ABUKAWA ...
SAYA-CHAN.
SAYA ?
Y-YEP.

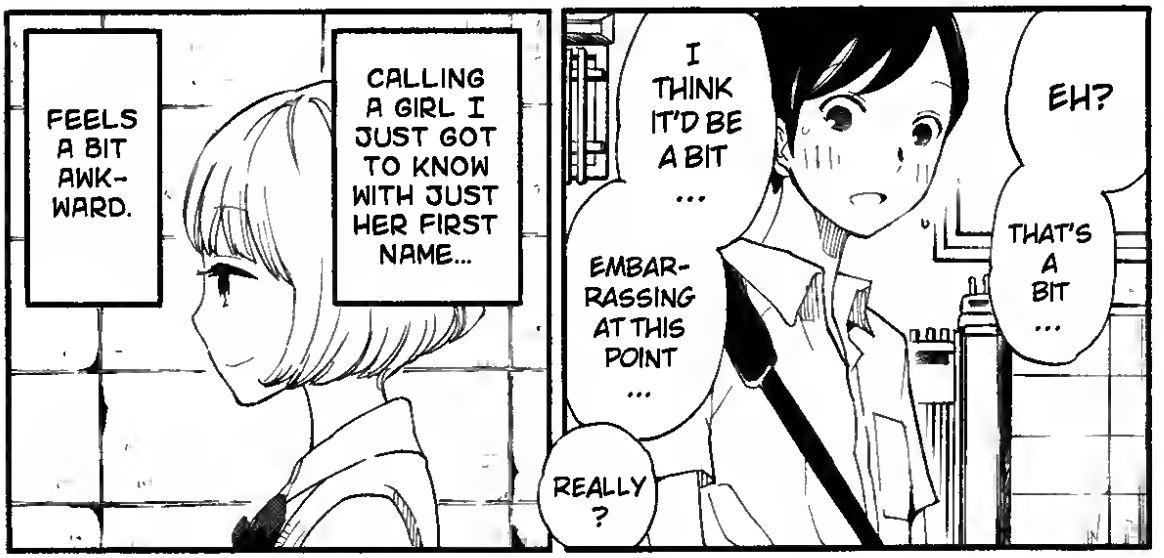

N-NO SHE ISN'T.
SHE WAS CUTE, RIGHT.
YEP, REALLY CUTE.
How do you even know about it?

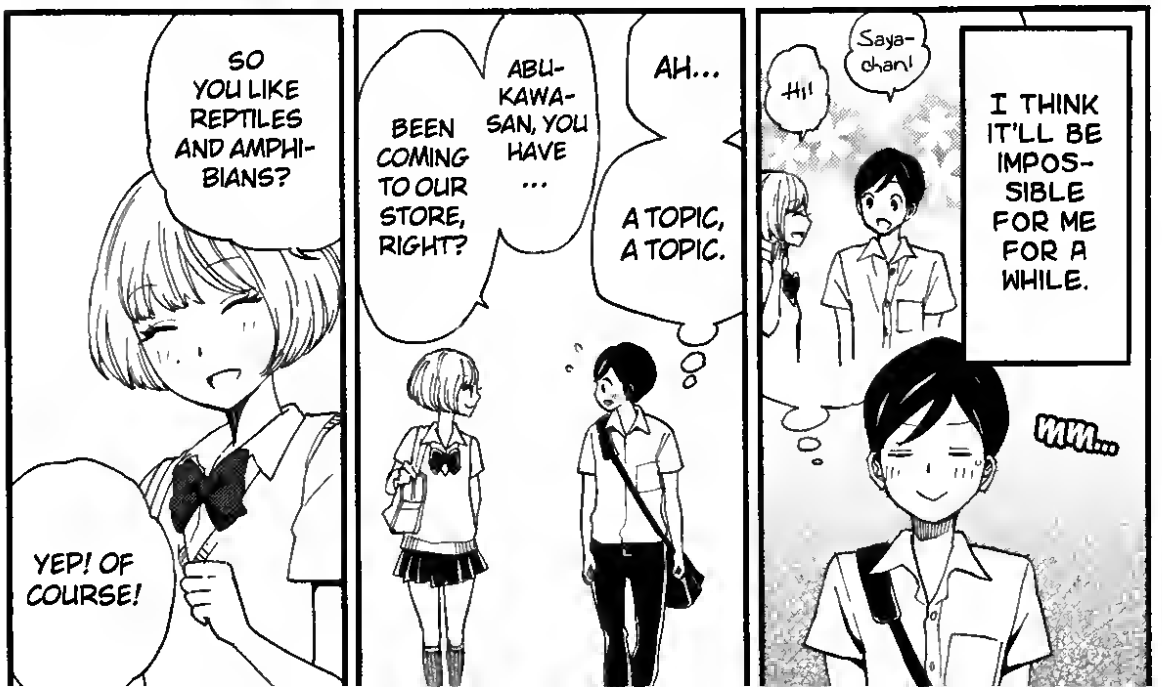
ASK HER TO BRING SOME FRIENDS AND LET'S HAVE A MIXER.
MAKE THEM SEND THEIR PICTURES FIRST. CAN'T TRUST GIRLS CALLING THEIR FRIENDS CUTE.
I'M NOT THAT CLOSE TO HER YET, SO IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE.

SAYA! EVEN HER NAME SOUNDS CUTE!
RIGHT!
DON'T TALK ABOUT HER LIKE YOU'RE ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS. TAMAKI WILL GET MAD.
N-NO I WON'T ...

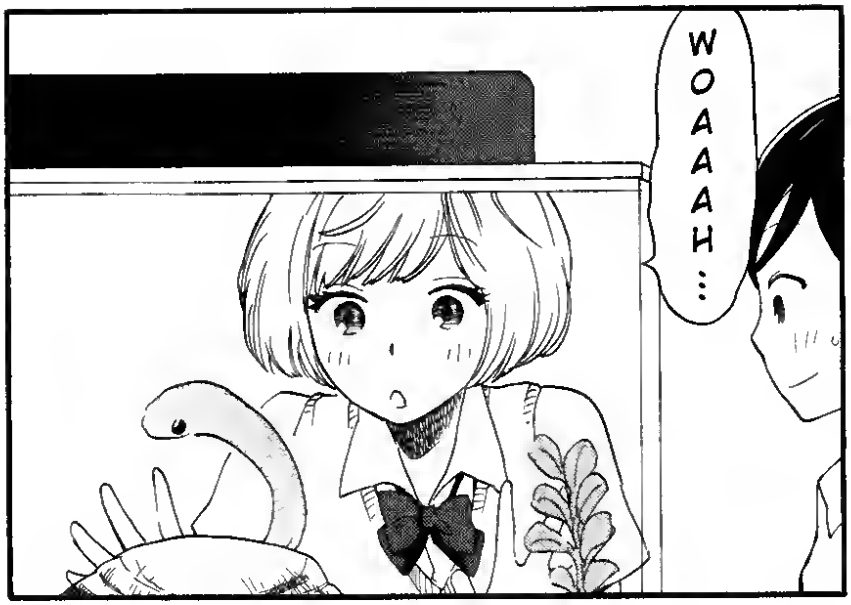
I REALLY JUST KNOW HER NAME.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE CASE.
YOU'RE SUCH A LATE BLOOMER, AFTER ALL.
"NOT YET"? AREN'T YOU BOLD, TAMAKI?
So she's a that sort of girl to you!
SO YOU'RE PLANNING ON GETTING CLOSER, RIGHT?
WA-WAAH ...
DING DONG
DING DONG
SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG?
What a surprise
NOT AT ALL!
WOAH!
SHIRANE-KUN!
SWISH
STARTLE
tap
tap
tap

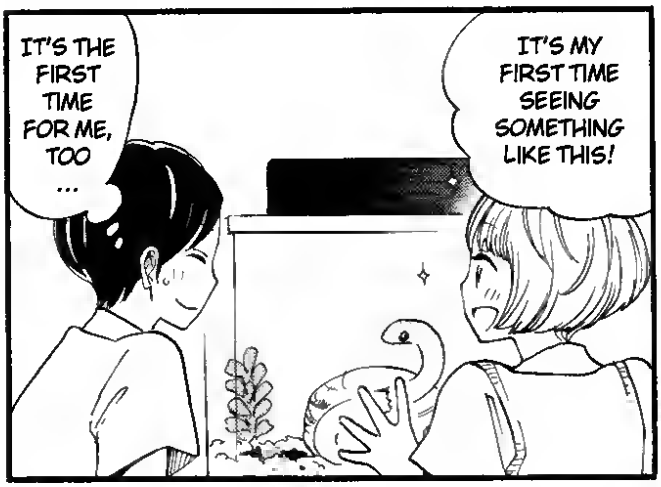
SO...
A-ABUKAWA-SAN...
JUST "SAYA" IS FINE.


EH?
THAT'S A BIT ...
I THINK IT'D BE A BIT ...
EMBARRASSING AT THIS POINT ...
REALLY?
CALLING A GIRL I JUST GOT TO KNOW WITH JUST HER FIRST NAME...
FEELS A BIT AWKWARD.

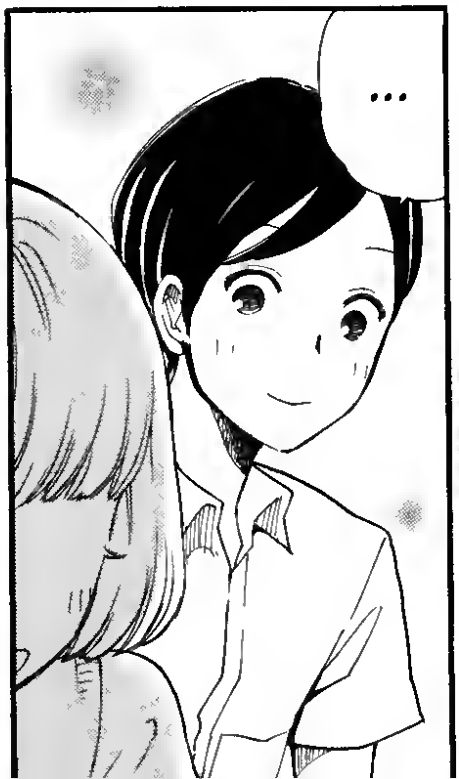

I THINK IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME FOR A WHILE.
Saya-chan!
Hi!
Mm...
AH...
A TOPIC, A TOPIC.
ABUKAWA-SAN, YOU HAVE ...
BEEN COMING TO OUR STORE, RIGHT?
SO YOU LIKE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS?
YEP! OF COURSE!

SO ...
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A SNAKE SHED ITS SKIN BEFORE?


WOAAAH...


IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME FOR ME, TOO ...

SO SKILLFUL ...
IT'S SCRUBBING ITSELF TO A ROCK TO REMOVE THE SKIN.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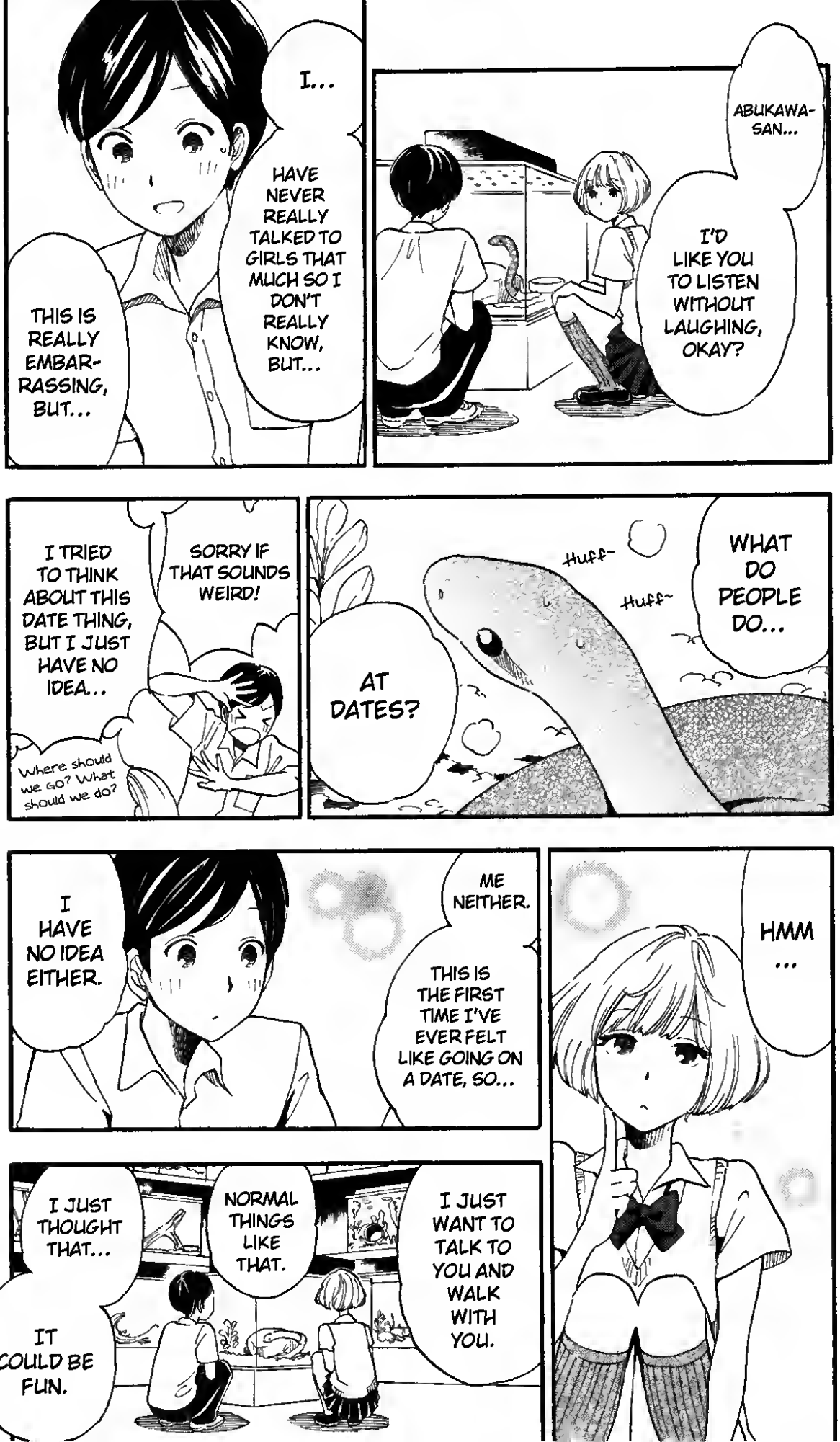
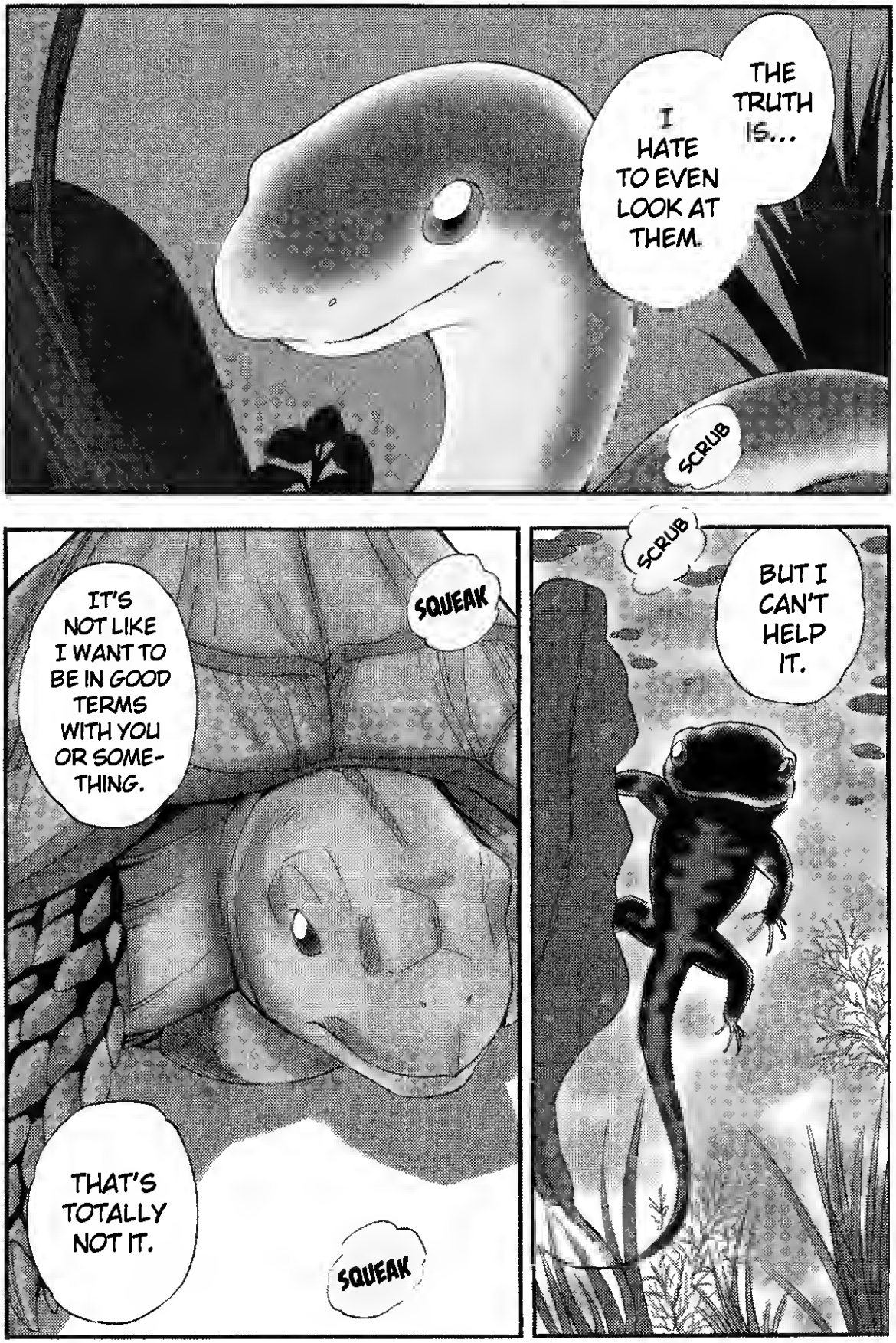
IT'S SO WONDER-FUL...


I...
HAVE NEVER REALLY TALKED TO GIRLS THAT MUCH SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT...
THIS IS REALLY EMBARRASSING, BUT...
ABUKAWA-SAN...
I'D LIKE YOU TO LISTEN WITHOUT LAUGHING, OKAY?
I TRIED TO THINK ABOUT THIS DATE THING, BUT I JUST HAVE NO IDEA...
SORRY IF THAT SOUNDS WEIRD!
Where should we go? What should we do?
WHAT DO PEOPLE DO...
Huff~
Huff~
AT DATES?
I HAVE NO IDEA EITHER.
ME NEITHER.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER FELT LIKE GOING ON A DATE, SO...
HMM ...
I JUST THOUGHT THAT...
NORMAL THINGS LIKE THAT.
I JUST WANT TO TALK TO YOU AND WALK WITH YOU.
IT COULD BE FUN.

I'M REALLY HAPPY.
FEELS LIKE A DATE TO ME.
JUST WATCHING A SNAKE SHEDDING ITS SKIN ...
THAT'S WHY...

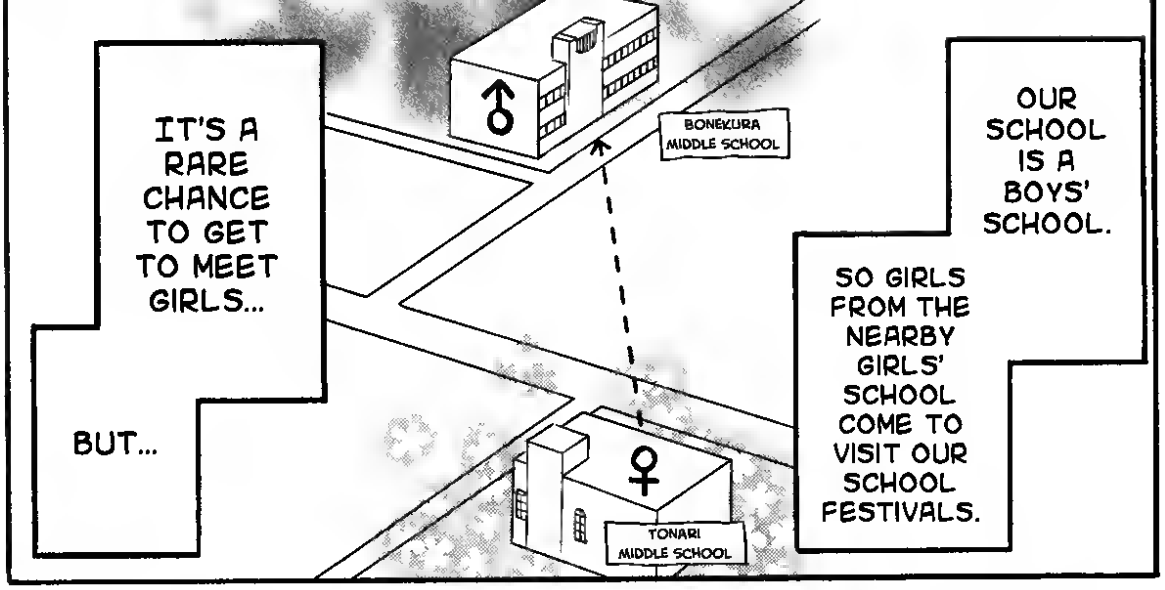
GLEAM
scrape
scrape
SCRUB
SCRUB
I'M ACTUALLY STARTING TO FEEL...
I WANT TO CALL HER SAYA-CHAN INSTEAD OF ABUKAWA-SAN.
Hey, can I have this skin?
REALLY?
I- I'M REALLY HAPPY TOO.
I ...
MIGHT JUST BE A REALLY SIMPLE PERSON, BUT...
Ahem!

Between
arazara no Aida
Tsurutsuru to Z


THE TRUTH IS...
I HATE TO EVEN LOOK AT THEM.
SCRUB
SCRUB
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT.
SQUEAK
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE IN GOOD TERMS WITH YOU OR SOME-THING.
THAT'S TOTALLY NOT IT.
SQUEAK

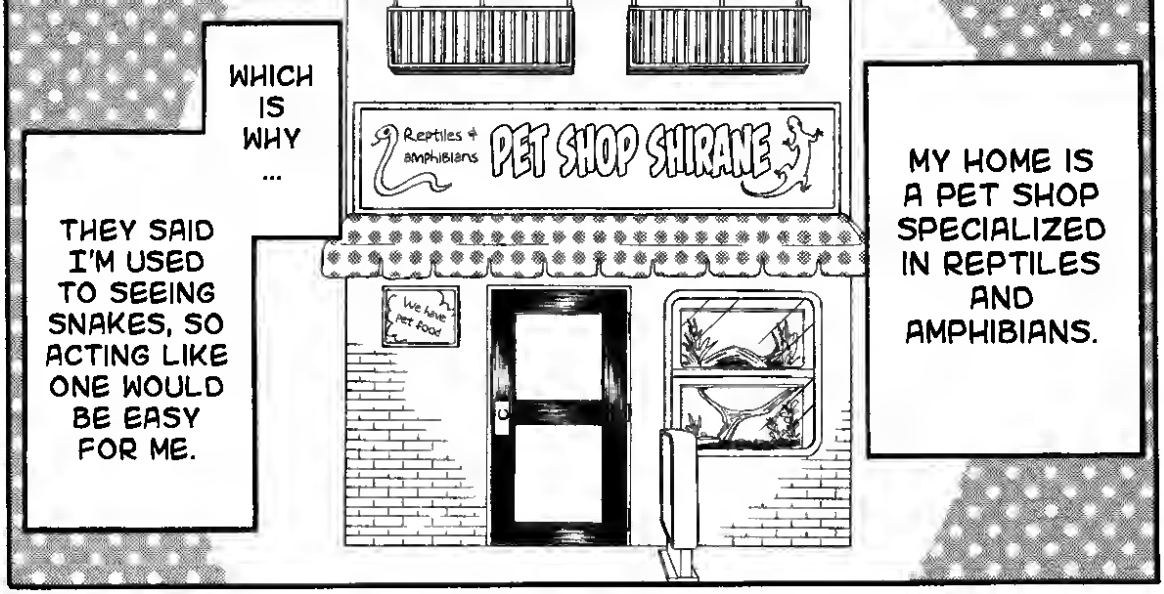
SCRUB
SCRUB
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
Phew
Don't strug-gle!
WIGGLE
Ah!
WAGGLE
...
STAAARE...

poof
poof
poof
TAMAKI!
SCHOOL FESTIVAL 2012
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHA?
I SHALL GIVE YOU A VERY SPECIAL TASK.
BRACE YOURSELF FOR A CHALLENGE!
HERE'S THE SCRIPT.
DIRECTO
W-
WHAT?
I'M SHIRANE TAMAKI. I'M ON EIGHT GRADE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
TODAY MY SCHOOL IS HAVING A SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
SCRIPT
The Sacrificed Girl
Good luck!

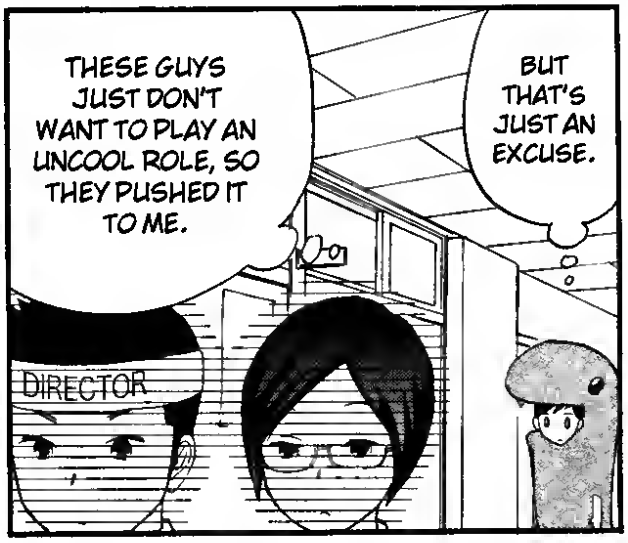

OUR SCHOOL IS A BOYS' SCHOOL.
SO GIRLS FROM THE NEARBY GIRLS' SCHOOL COME TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL FESTIVALS.
IT'S A RARE CHANCE TO GET TO MEET GIRLS...
BUT...
BONEKURA MIDDLE SCHOOL
TONARI MIDDLE SCHOOL

DO I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
WHY...
TA-
DAH

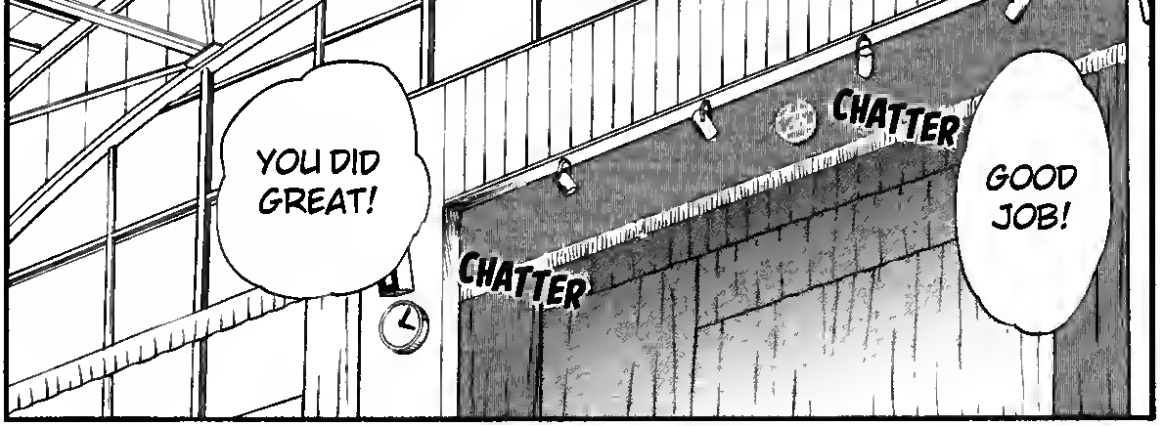
JUST DON'T STUMBLE.
HOW COULD YOU MOVE IF YOUR LEGS WERE INSIDE THE SUIT?
BUT IT'S WEIRD THAT MY FEET ARE VISIBLE EVEN THOUGH I'M A SNAKE.
THE REASON THEY WANT ME TO BE THE SUBSTITUTE IS THAT...
DRAG
DRAG
YOUR LINES DON'T REALLY MATTER, SO IT'S OKAY TO JUST SAY WHATEVER.
THERE'S NO HELPING IT. THE GUY PLAYING THE SERPENT IS MISSING.
Eh.
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.
Munch
Munch

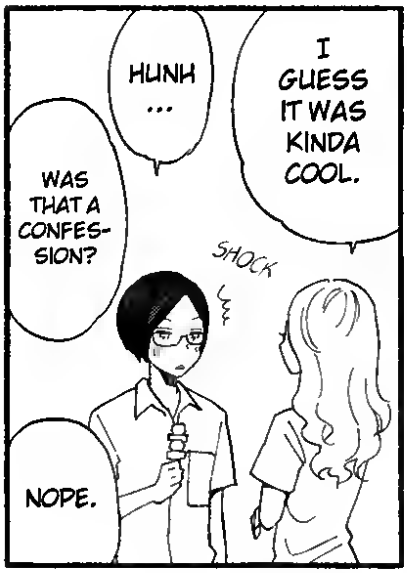

MY HOME IS A PET SHOP SPECIALIZED IN REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS.
Reptiles & amphibians
PET SHOP SHIRANE
We have pet food
WHICH IS WHY ...
THEY SAID I'M USED TO SEEING SNAKES, SO ACTING LIKE ONE WOULD BE EASY FOR ME.

I CAN'T REALLY HANDLE ...
NEITHER SNAKES NOR FROGS.

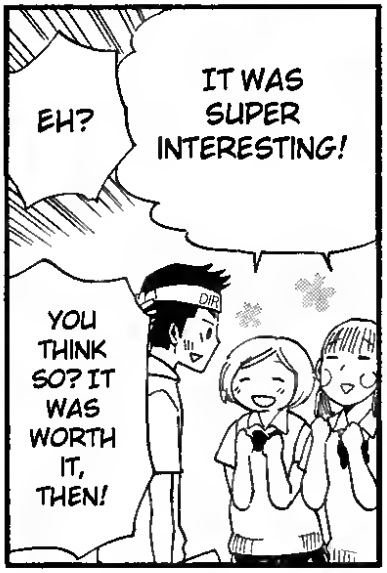

BUT THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE.
THESE GUYS JUST DON'T WANT TO PLAY AN UNCOOL ROLE, SO THEY PUSHED IT TO ME.
DIRECTOR

BUT WELL, WHAT-EVER.
EVEN IF I DIDN'T PLAY THE SNAKE ...
IN ANY CASE ...
I WOULDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO TALK ANY OF THE GIRLS.
2-B
The Sweetened Girl


YOU DID GREAT!
CHATTER
CHATTER
GOOD JOB!


HUNH ...
I GUESS IT WAS KINDA COOL.
WAS THAT A CONFES-SION?
SHOCK
NOPE.

HNG ...
HNGH.
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE


EH?
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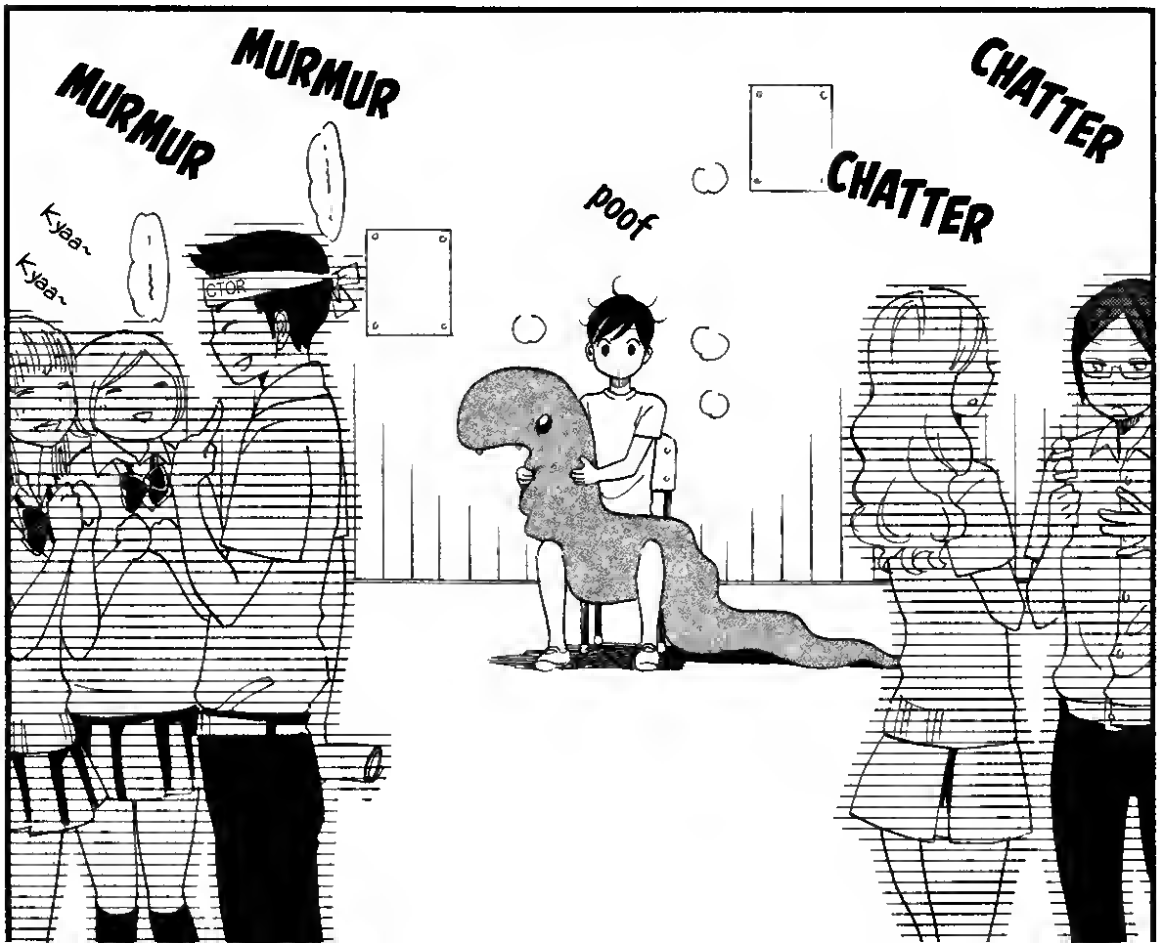
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